

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's rejections as set forth in the Office Action of August 12, 2004, Applicants have canceled claim 2 and amended claims 3-63. Claims 3-89 remain pending.

The amendments to claim 3 and 4 rewrite those claims in independent form, and as suggested by the Examiner, this places claim 3 and all of its dependent claims in allowable condition. Claims 5-63 are all now dependent on allowable amended claim 3, and hence, all such claims are believed to be allowable. The amendments to claims 5-63 modify the language of those claims to be consistent with the antecedent language in amended claim 3; no substantive changes are intended. In claims 18 and 31, the step of "forming" in claim 3 is referenced rather than "developing" (as there is no "developing" step); a person of ordinary skill would have understood the step being referenced and therefore no new matter is added. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 5, 6, 18, 19, 21, 29, 30, and 57-62. Claim 2 is canceled; Applicants take no position as to the substantive reasons for the Examiner's rejection.

Applicants appreciate the withdrawal of the § 112 rejections and the review of the file for the presence of the Application Data Sheet.

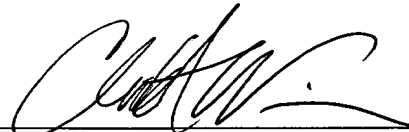
Accordingly, Applicants believe that the amendments contained herein address all of the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action of August 12, 2004. Applicants respectfully requests examination of the subject application with a view toward allowance.

As no new claims have been added by this Amendment, Applicants believe that no claim fees are currently due. Applicant respectfully requests that **Deposit Account No. 50-2268** be charged for the requested three-month extension of time. Authorization to charge any additional necessary fees to the Deposit Account, or to credit any overpayment, is hereby granted.

If a telephone interview would be considered advantageous to advance prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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